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## AAF ASSIGN L-3B LIAISON TYPE AIRCRAFT TO CAP

The AAF has turned over to each wing commander a number of L-3B Aircraft (Aeroncas to you) to be used for cadet recruitment. The number of aircraft assigned to each wing depended upon the job the state as a whole is doing in cadet recruiting as well as the size of the wing organization. Wisconsin Wing was allotted six ships.

Col. Stratton has assigned the aircraft to his group commanders who in turn will rotate them among the squadrons in their respective groups. Naturally, the individual squadrons who have the best records for cadet enrollment will have the most use of the ships. The assignment of these aircraft opens new avenues of approach for getting cadet recruits. Here is an actual Army aircraft to look at—to feel—to sit in—to ride in—if the prospect is a potential recruit.

Smart squadron commanders will send staff officers to schools to tell the youngsters that an Army aircraft is coming at a certain time for them to see and ride in. Local newspapers will be given the story, too, inviting the 17 year olds to come out to the airport to see the ship. Radio stations will

also carry the story. Each CAP member will be given the assignment to bring at least one prospective recruit to the airport for a ride. The squadron commander who leaves no stone unturned to get youngsters interested in the Army ship will show the best results when it comes to adding up cadet enlistments. Schedules assigning an Army ship to the various squadrons will be sent well in advance so that each squadron commander can lay plans and work toward the time the ship will be in his possession.

## MAJOR JOHN F. STRATTON PROMOTED TO RANK OF LT. COLONEL

The new year brought a well earned promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel for John F. Stratton, Commander, Wisconsin Wing. It came as a total surprise from Col. Earle L. Johnson, National Commander; a reward for Major Stratton's untiring effort and loyalty in behalf of Civil Air Patrol. Congratulations, Col. Stratton!

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Sweetie: "That sailor kissed me last night!"  
"How many times?"

"I'm confessing—not bragging."

## MAJOR KING WITH 13 PLANES STOPS AT MILWAUKEE ON WAY TO COAST

The boys at Milwaukee had a pleasant surprise when Major King, former Wisconsin Wing Commander, wired that he was stopping over at General Mitchell with his unit, en route to the West Coast. Thirteen planes came in—all ships and pilots who had been on active duty at an eastern coastal patrol base under Major King's command. The unit in its entirety has been assigned to a new mission on the west coast. Personnel who did not fly went by car. It was a real thrill to be with and talk to these CAPers who have done such a swell job.

The unit arrived late on Saturday and stayed over Sunday for minor check-ups and repairs. Major King radioed ahead asking the Army to have its radio man on hand to check and repair several of the ships radios. There was no radio technician at the Army base familiar with the sets used in private aircraft. Lt. Col. Stratton therefore commissioned Lt. R. Lathrop, Communication Officer of the Waukesha Squadron, and Lt. L. Garman, also of Waukesha, to be on hand. "And a swell job these two did," said Major King. "They worked from the minute the ships arrived until late Sunday afternoon when the last transmitter and receiver was checked, tested and okeyed."

Major King and his flight left early Monday morning with a destination of Fargo for that night. We will be anxious to hear from Major King when he arrives at his new base.

## WISCONSIN CAP WING STRENGTH TOTALS 2,345 MEMBERS

The Strength Reports which most squadrons and flights in the state sent in to Wing Headquarters the first of the year reveal some very interesting facts. Total strength of CAP in Wisconsin has jumped to 2,345 members as against some 1,500 a year ago. Actual strength is considerably higher than  
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This is the AAF L-3B liaison type aircraft assigned to CAP by the Army Air Forces for cadet recruiting.





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## EDITORIAL

### YOUR BULLETIN

The Wing Bulletin is your publication. It wants to carry news about you—news about your squadron. It wants to tell other squadrons what you are doing in your unit.

With Wing Headquarters at Milwaukee, it is impossible for your editors to know what's going on in your locality. You've got to be the one to supply that news. Of all of the squadrons in the state, some 33, there are only three who are conscientious about getting news and pictures into the hands of your editors with some degree of regularity. But news about only three squadrons doesn't make a bulletin of state-wide interest. All squadrons should be represented. What to do about it is the purpose of this editorial. The solution is simple if you and every other member of your squadron will cooperate. At your next meeting appoint a squadron reporter—two or three of them if you like. Select someone who will make it his or her job to gather news—to get pictures. Have your reporter work with the squadron's qualified photographer. Squadron commanders should call for a report of materials gathered at each meeting, check it over, okay it and send it in. If everyone will follow this simple plan, your editors will be swamped with usable news and what a grand and glorious feeling that would be after being so news-starved all these months.

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## WAUKESHA HOLDS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

It was a gala night at Waukesha when the squadron staged their annual party during the holidays. In addition to dancing and sociability over a glass of "giggle water," the program committee planned an amusing floor show. Squadron Commander Lt. Harry Schaefer entertained in true magician style. Lt. Ed. Rediske dramatized, quite hu-



*Lt. Col. Stratton announced Lt. Lathrop's appointment to Wing Communications Officer at the party. Congratulations are offered while Commander Schaefer looks on.*

morously, the song "Pistol Packin' Mama." Then there was a burlesque on drill climaxed with a splendid showing of drill with arms. Wing staff officers as well as many CAPers from other squadrons attended. The party was a success from a financial point of view too, inasmuch as the squadron found its funds considerably enriched when the final tallies were completed.

### HERE AND THERE

Lt. Scott Hatch, Manager of the Janesville Airport, has been appointed Operation Officer of the Janesville Unit. Mrs. Scott Hatch has earned her commission and has been made Communications Officer. Ben Wormey is now Technical Sergeant and Robert Roberts and Harlin Ryan have been made Staff Sergeants.

There's a lot of activity in the Janesville Squadron. Forty new members, both regulars and cadets, have been enrolled during the last month. Special classes in basic training are being given to the newcomers. A code class is being conducted by Ben Wormey of Delavan. Whitewater, Milton, Delavan, Sharon, Walworth, Edgerton and Janesville are all represented in the new members.

Officer Lillian McCrory, Wing Adjutant, got a "most wonderful" Christmas present in the form of a husband. It's Mrs. Frank L. Warsh now. Congratulations and best wishes for a full life of happiness!

## SGT. GEORGIA BRAUN LANDS SPONSOR FOR WING BULLETIN

A salute to Sgt. Georgia Braun of the Madison Squadron! She stepped out to get a sponsor for your bulletin and succeeded in lining up the Gisholt Machine Co. of Madison. Our thanks to both Gisholt and Sgt. Braun. This is the kind of spirit which we would like every CAP member to show. Of course, we don't expect 2,500 CAPers to rush out to solicit sponsors for the Bulletin, but each squadron and flight should make it a point to get at least one sponsor during the year. Further, each squadron should take enough interest in the Bulletin to gather news for it. That's not a hard job and it certainly would make your editor's job a much easier one. What do you say?

## LT. ROBERT LATHROP GETS WING POST

Lt. Robert Lathrop, Communications Officer of the Waukesha Squadron, was recently appointed Wing Communications Officer by Lt. Col. John F. Stratton. The post had been vacant since Capt. Charles LaForce resigned when leaving Milwaukee to take over the management of a chain of radio stations in the west.

Lt. Col. Stratton made a wise choice in his new appointment. There are few men in the state with as wide a knowledge in all phases of radio communications as Lt. Lathrop. His vast experiences should reflect immediately in help and guidance to all squadron communications officers. Lt. Lathrop will continue to serve as Squadron Communications Officer at Waukesha.

### DOINGS OF THE GREMLINS



What is this anyhow—a rank conspiracy? It sure resembles something of the sort. Another spell without a slip. There's no activity and not a single mishap to report.





During the fall, Lt. Col. Stratton attended the Illinois Wing Mobilization at Peoria. This picture was just received showing Lt. Col. Stratton with Major C. W. Schuck, Illinois Wing Commander; L. Phillips, Kankakee Ordnance, Kankakee, Illinois; Lt. Col. E. L. Johnson, National Commander; Lt. Col. Lauris M. Eek, Air Liaison Officer, 6th Service Command; and Lt. Col. Jack Vilas, National Executive Officer.

### JANESVILLE UNIT TAKES TO THE AIR OVER RADIO STATION

A radio program over station WCLO, Janesville, was arranged for the local squadron by Lt. Irving Clark, Group Intelligence Officer. The program consisted of an interview with Lt. J. Arthur Moran, Squadron Commander, and six men and women of the squadron. The program was in the nature of questions and answers covering individual experiences and line of duties of Civil Air Patrol. Lt. Moran took advantage of the opportunity to reach fathers and mothers of 17 year olds with a detailed story about aviation cadets. The results of the radio program were reflected in many inquiries and CAP enlistments, especially in the ranks of the cadets.

### RACINE SQUADRON ADDS 30 NEW NAMES TO THE ENLISTED RESERVES

Everybody in the Racine Squadron has been on his toes in the cadet program. The unit has close to 80 cadets in the CAP ranks with new recruits being added at every meeting. "That's our big assignment right now," says Commander John S. Rowland, "and we are going after it with everything we've got to do an outstanding job."

Following are the names of cadets who can well be proud of having passed their tests to qualify them as members

of the AAF in the Enlisted Reserve. Our congratulations to each one of you!

James T. Thoenmke	Thomas W. Yentz
Raymond H. Reid	Ronald Gordon Ross
Jack Q. Weaseman	George J. Ruetz
Raymond H. Londo	Ray Rosko
Raymond L. Bickford	William R. Felton
Phil R. Garramone	Lawrence S. Lindgren
Robert L. Denton	Eric Weiss
Richard J. Johnson	Wm. W. Schulz
Gilbert W. DeMint	Thomas J. Johnson
Milton W. Crouch	John T. Auman
Lee G. Maynard	Richard D. Reshan
Richard P. Kerschaw	Donald E. Evans
William P. Fox	Wallace J. Regnery
Eugene P. Doepping	Robert J. Slowachek
Roy J. Scheller	Dexter D. Black



Here you see Sgt. Moran being interviewed by Lt. Clark. Others, left to right, are: Sgt. William Schlenk, Beloit; Lt. J. Arthur Moran, Commander, Delavan; Dr. R. L. Moberly, Milton; Sgt. Ruby Hatch, Edgerton; Albert Harris, Walworth; and Observer Mary Ellen Hodge, Janesville.

### PVT. EDWARD H. HEGEMAN WRITES A LETTER HOME

Pvt. Edward H. Hegeman, a former member of the Racine Squadron, wrote a letter to Lt. John S. Rowland, Commander, which every CAP member should read. Here it is:

"Dear Lieutenant:

"Just a few lines to let you know that I'm in the Army Air Force. I was sent to Camp Grant October 27, and left from there November 5 for Jefferson Barracks, Mo. This post is entirely an air force replacement center. I'm here for 48 days of basic training. After that, either an aerial gunner or ground mechanic. I can't start to stress how valuable all my Air Patrol training has been. All the drilling is so much easier because I've learned the maneuvers in the Patrol. About the first thing that was extra handy was knowing the General Orders. We couldn't get a pass until we knew them back and forth. Code and disassembling a rifle has helped much.

"I'm very thankful I was given the opportunity to get this training in the Civil Air Patrol. I can highly recommend CAP to any new or old member.

"Your letter of recommendation seemed to carry a lot of weight and I'm sure it was because of my CAP experience that put me in the Army Air Force—just where I wanted to be. "Best of luck to you and the Patrol and hello to all the swell fellows.

"Thankfully yours,  
Edward H. Hegeman,  
South Milwaukee, Wis."

There are a lot of Edward Hegemans' who have had the same experience when getting into service. There are a lot of boys, too, who could have made their entry into the armed forces an easier move had they had the military training which CAP offers. It's up to every CAP member to tell Pvt. Hegeman's story to every 17 year old youngster they meet.



## LT. COL. JOHN F. STRATTON URGES GREATER EFFORT IN CADET RECRUITING PROGRAM

Aviation cadet recruiting continues to be the No. 1 job for all CAP units. Listed below are the units which have done an outstanding job and are entitled to special commendation for the work they have done on aviation cadet recruiting:

La Crosse	Rice Lake
Racine	Portage
Kenosha	Ashland
Wausau	Manitowoc

The La Crosse Squadron, under Lt. McCall, in the opinion of Wing Headquarters, has done the outstanding cadet recruiting job in the Wisconsin Wing. They have delivered the goods regularly and consistently every month since cadet recruiting was assigned to CAP. Every month after the Screening Caravan has visited La Crosse, Lt. McCall sends a report listing the names of applicants contacted by CAP who applied for the screening tests, together with the names of those accepted and the names of those rejected. This makes it possible to definitely give credit for all cadet applicants signed up through CAP. It is a policy that should be followed by all units.

With a view to seeing that CAP units get proper credit for each aviation cadet applicant contacted and sworn in and in order to check which units are doing a job and which are not, it has been suggested to the Milwaukee Aviation Cadet Examining Board that at the time screening tests are given each applicant be interviewed and asked what agency inspired him to apply for cadet enlistment. However, the board explains that the personnel of the Caravan are so busy conducting tests, checking papers, etc., that they do not have time to do this. Lt. Sage informs us, however, that the board would be glad to have a CAP member assigned to the Caravan in each city in which it appears. The CAPer so assigned would interview each applicant and determine from what source he obtained his information about the Cadet Enlisted Reserve program. This would be helpful both to the board and CAP as it would give the board information as to the agencies doing the most good in the recruiting program. It would also assure CAP of getting definite credit for those applicants recruited. It is, therefore, suggested that each CAP unit commander assign one of his members to duty with the Screening Caravan on the day that the Caravan visits a city in which CAP has a squadron or flight. Personnel assigned to this mission

## WING BULLETIN GETS NEW REPORTER AT RACINE SQUADRON

Commander John S. Rowland has assigned Lt. J. A. March squadron reporter and Racine editor for Wing Bulletin news. That's the best news we've had for a long time. The Bulletin needs a reporter in every squadron — there's no other way to get news! Squadron commanders — come on — follow suit. The photos shown here are reporter Marck's first contribution.



Each Wednesday Lt. Albert Troestler conducts code classes in the Horlick Field assembly room.



Lt. Polacheck gives instruction in aviation tactics. This photo shows a typical weekly meeting.



Lt. Gus Lindemann is shown here giving basic instruction to cadets. Out of 72 new cadets, 26 have already passed the Air Corps tests and are now in the Enlisted Reserve.

should send a complete report to Wing Headquarters.

If you feel that your unit has done a job on aviation recruiting and is not receiving the proper recognition it is probably because you have failed to send adequate reports to Headquarters

listing the results of your activities. Every mission so far assigned to CAP has been concluded successfully. The most important of all missions is that of cadet recruiting. It is every CAP member's job to work diligently to get recruits. And, if every CAPer will recognize this responsibility, this mission, too, will be successfully concluded.

## LT. HARRY SCHOBLASKA APPOINTED AS COM- MANDER, GROUP 3, WIS.

Lt. Harry Schoblaska, former Commander of the Manitowoc Squadron, has been appointed Commander of the 3rd Group Wisconsin CAP. Lt. D. W. MacMeekin, Sr., has been appointed Group Executive Officer. The CAP units affected are the Manitowoc, Oshkosh and Appleton Squadrons and the Sheboygan and Sturgeon Bay Flights. Lt. Edwin Smith, former Training and Operations Officer of the Manitowoc Squadron has taken over the command of his squadron.

## WISCONSIN CAP WING TOTALS 2,345 MEMBERS

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2,345 because Escanaba, Iron Mountain, Houghton and Antigo have not sent reports as requested and are therefore not included in the following summary:

Number of Squadrons.....	17
Number of Flights.....	16
Active Regulars.....	1,303
Provisionals.....	435
Cadets.....	607
	<u>2,345</u>

Number of Women.....	577
Number AAF Enlisted Reserves.....	143

### Strength by Groups

Group 1.....	624
Group 2.....	383
Group 3.....	412
Group 4.....	423
Group 5.....	440
Wisconsin Security Unit.....	50
Wing Staff.....	13
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One of the surprising revelations in analyzing the report is the fact that 12 squadrons or flights do not list cadet units. It behooves them to get the ball rolling as fast as possible for more reasons than one. First; cadet units in every other squadron have been a real source of stimulation for the entire squadron. Old members found a new interest in their work. Second; a squadron without a cadet unit or a cadet program will find itself on the outside looking in as far as the AAF ships are concerned. With 12 additional squadrons and flights getting into the swim on cadet programs plus a normal increase in regular enlistments we can look forward to a total strength of 3,500 before many months roll by.